

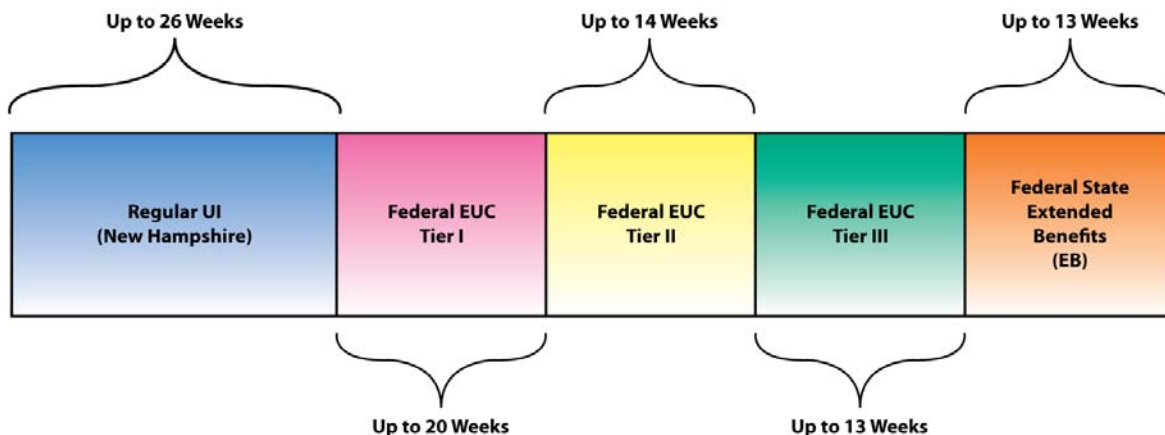


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State of New Hampshire Extends Filing Period Deadline Once Again for Emergency Unemployment Compensation

Concord – On Friday, November 6, 2009, President Obama signed the Worker, Homeownership, and Business Assistance Act of 2009 into law. On Tuesday, March 2, 2010, the President signed a second amendment to the Act that extends the filing period for eligibility once again. The amendment extends the deadline to qualify for EUC benefits, it does not extend weeks of EUC payment.

The timeline of unemployment benefits and duration are indicated in the chart below.



- An individual may qualify for a higher Tier if s/he exhausts an EUC08 Tier by week ending April 5, 2010. (prior date was February 27, 2010).
 - ✓ If an individual exhausts EUC08 First Tier (Tier I) on or before week ending April 5, 2010, the individual may qualify for EUC08 Second Tier (Tier II).
 - ✓ If an individual exhausts EUC08 Second Tier (14th week) (Tier II) on or before week ending April 5, 2010, the individual may qualify for EUC08 Third Tier (Tier III).
 - ✓ The period which an individual may initially establish eligibility for Federal Additional Compensation (FAC) is extended to weeks of unemployment ending on or before April 5, 2010 (prior date was February 28, 2010).
 - ✓ The expiration date of the FAC program (the end of the "phase-out" period) is extended. FAC is now payable through October 5, 2010 (prior date was August 31, 2010).

It is the top priority of NH Employment Security to pay eligible customers as quickly as possible and we will do our best to assist customers during their transitions between unemployment compensation

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programs. If you have any questions about whether you should be filing for Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC), please contact the customer service line at 1-800-266-2252.

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